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SUBJECT: MFA SPOKESMAN ON LAND DAY DEMONSTRATION

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPUTY PRESS SPOKESMAN
(ABILEAH) LATE MARCH 30 PROVIDED EMBOFF THE FOLLOWING
STATUS REPORT ON "LAND DAY" DEMONSTRATIONS IN ISRAEL AND
THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. HIS REPORT, HE SAID, WAS
BASED ON CONTACTS WITH THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND WITH
CORRESPONDENTS WHO HAD WITNESSED VARIOUS DEMONSTRATIONS.

2. THE GAZA STRIP WAS VERY QUIET WITH NO BUSINESS STRIKE;
47 OF THE 48 TRUCKS GENERALLY OPERATING FROM GAZA WERE
ON THE JOB. ONE TIRE WAS BURNT AT KHAN YUNIS. IN JUDEA
AND SAMARIA (THE WEST BANK) THERE WERE BUSINESS STRIKES
IN ALL OF THE MAJOR TOWNS EXCEPTING JERICHO, WHERE THE
SITUATION WAS ABSOLUTELY "BUSINESS AS USUAL." AT NABLUS
ONE "INCITER" AND ONE TEACHER HAD BEEN ARRESTED,
AND THE BUSINESS STRIKE WAS NOT COMPLETE. IN EAST
JERUSALEM AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO BLOCK NABLUS ROAD,
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BUT SECURITY FORCES PREVENTED IT. THUS FAR, THERE
ARE NO REPORTS OF INJURED OR DEAD AND THE SITUATION IS
"BETTER THAN EXPECTED." ABILEAH SAID THAT CORRESPONDENTS
HAD TOLD HIM THEY WERE ABLE TO GET SOME PICTURES OF
STUDENTS THROWING STONES AT THE BORDER POLICE, BUT
THERE WERE NO SERIOUS CLASHES TO PHOTOGRAPH.

3. IN ISRAEL PROPER, THE SITUATION WAS COMPLETELY QUIET, WITH NOTHING HAPPENING EXCEPT SOME ORGANIZED, PEACEFUL RALLIES. PRIOR TO ELECTION TIME, ABILEAH SAID, THE ISRAELI ARABS HAVE POLITICAL INTERESTS TO MAINTAIN.

4. SPOT CHECKS WE HAVE MADE WITH CONTACTS IN GAZA AND NAZARETH TEND TO CONFIRM THE ABOVE.
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